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Specification Amendments

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Beyond providing an opening for introducing the transponder 24 into the recess 32 24, the opening 42 also forms a window through which the electromagnetic interrogating and answering signals can reach or respectively leave the transponder 34, when the housing 12 of the endoscope 10 is made of metal, for example medical steel.

According to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the embedding medium 40, which is visible through the opening 42, is dyed to have a colour differing distinctly from the colour of the housing 12. When using the present indoscope, it is recognisable at a glance where the transponder 34 is located on the endoscope 10 to be able to specifically direct the interrogation signal to the transponder 34.

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In this embodiment, the interrogation signals 46 can reach the antenna 37 of the transponder 34 at an even wider angle. Shadow areas of the antenna produced by the relief 32 are avoided. Even, so the transponder transponder 34 is held in the recess 24 due to the relief cuts 32 in the region of the line III-III.